

DISTRICT LAGS IN RED CROSS DRIVE

The District Red Cross committee is going to make every effort possible to pull Washington out of the hole today and place her within striking distance of her membership goal in the nation-wide Christmas Roll Call. The campaign does not close until Monday at midnight, but it is the hope of the committee that Washington may have sufficiently recovered from her lethargy to see the end of the road by Sunday night.

While other cities are forging ahead with great enthusiasm, it remains for the Nation's Capital to bring up the rear in the weakest sort of fashion. "Not nearly enough," workers here report to make a thorough canvass of the city, and, despite repeated appeals to the public to enlist voluntarily in the Red Cross at the "house" books, new memberships and renewals of old memberships for the coming year have been sadly few in comparison with the number of Red Cross members Washington should muster.

Chairman Frank J. Hogan describes Washington's lament in connection with the Red Cross Roll Call as "three-deck," in the advanced stages of which malady, he says, the victim loses all resemblance to anything except possibly a partially living replica of a hard-boiled egg.

A Red Cross button for the coming year, Mr. Hogan, prescribes as the only preventative or cure for the ailment. The drive will continue all day Sunday. The services of volunteer workers are solicited. Volunteers may obtain their credentials at 1415 H street northwest, where the roll call is being held today in behalf of the roll call.

One of the speakers will be Lieut. Frederick Knobel, of the French army, who served through the campaign of the Dardanelles and received the Croix de Guerre. He was recently assigned to the French mission here.

Lieutenant Knobel was stricken with fever while on active service and was sent to a French military hospital, where his attack was so severe that hope of his recovery was abandoned. He was transferred from the evacuation hospital to an American Red Cross hospital, and he attributes his remarkable recovery to the splendid treatment and care he received there.

MONGOL MONARCH MOST ABSOLUTE

TOKYO, Dec. 22.—The most absolute monarch in the world is the least known. He rules in Urga. It is the capital of Mongolia, and the point nearest the sea. The official head of a religion.

Urga has many Chinese and Russian inhabitants; but the Mongol part of the city is movable and constantly changes its location and arrangement.

The Mongol houses are hemispherical huts of felt-cloth extended over a light structure of lattice work. They are readily collapsible and can be put up or taken down at a few minutes' notice. Felt-cloth being an excellent insulator, they afford a warm and weatherproof shelter during winters of extreme cold.

There are, however, a number of large monasteries. It is the holy city of the Mongols. The priests (lamas) are numbered by hundreds of thousands, and their "lamaseries" are scattered all over the country.

The business of the lama is to drive away the devil which he believes will soon destroy all the people. At intervals they give great outdoor exhibitions of a quasi-theatrical character, in which hundreds of lamas take part, dancing in grotesque masks and fantastic costumes to music furnished by drums, huge copper trumpets and lutes made from the thigh-bones of virgins—the last named horrible instruments emitting blood-curdling and mournful wails.

PUBLIC MAILED THOSE GIFTS EARLY THIS YEAR

All records for early mailing of Christmas gifts and for the number of packages sent through the mails at this season of the year have been broken.

This was indicated last night in telegraphic reports reaching the Post-office Department. Realizing the difficulties that would arise because of many postal employees being in the military service and scores ill with influenza, the Postoffice Department took measures at an early date to prepare for the Christmas rush, and although the volume is greater than ever, reports show that it is being handled "up to the minute," it was stated.

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BECKER SCORED FOR INNUEENDOES

"Purging that record of its nasty insinuations—that's my job, solely in the interest of justice. Much has been cleared up; much more needs clearing up."

So spoke Senator James Reed of Missouri, a Democrat, at the conclusion of the Senate Judiciary committee's propaganda investigation.

"It can stand in its unfairness through the holidays, but it will show clean soon after the recess," Reed said.

Notwithstanding Reed's sharp words with Deputy Attorney General Alfred Becker, of New York, at yesterday's hearing, the New York official smiled defiance at Reed when, at the close of the hearing, he said "it would be a pleasure" to return after the holidays and submit to Reed's examination.

Reed's insinuation improper. The insistent questioning by Senator Reed as to the details surrounding the procurement of the affidavits led to a sharp exchange between the examiner and the witness. On one occasion Becker referred to Mr. Hearst as Senator Reed's client. The Senator promptly retorted that he represented no individual and appeared not only as a member of the Judiciary Committee, to whom his subcommittee must make its report, but as a member of the United States Senate, which body will have the power of finally passing upon the testimony.

Chairman Overman ruled that Becker's insinuation was highly improper. The witness, flushed and apologized. Nevertheless the witness again suggested that Senator Reed was holding a brief for Mr. Hearst. He was interrupted by the chairman and cautioned not to repeat such innuendoes, and for a second time apologized, explaining that it was a slip of the tongue.

Sensor Reed did not ask that these interpolated comments of the witnesses be stricken from the record, regarding them as impressive indications of the witnesses' animus and prejudice.

Hearst Unknown to Reed. Just before adjournment Senator Reed announced that in view of Becker's insinuations as to the reasons for his appearance before the committee he desired to make a brief statement on the subject.

"I know Mr. Hearst merely as a newspaper man. I have no social relations with him. I have no personal relations with him. I have no political relations with him, except the general one that has supported the party to which I belong."

"I have followed with a great deal of interest the line of investigation that has been pursued here, and I became convinced that there was a deliberate and fixed purpose to try to fasten something which I imagine upon a man by what I believe to be scraps of testimony pieced in a dishonest manner."

"That was my impression, whether right or wrong. I came here and asked to cross-examine this gentleman whom I happen to know had put his information—this information—to political uses. I would do the same for the editor of the World, or the Times, or for a street shoveler. That is my interest, and any man who insinuates it goes further is a common scoundrel."

"Seconded" in Record. Chairman Overman said he thought the last sentence might be better excluded from the record. Senator King immediately interjected that the witness had impugned the motives of the acts of a member of the United States Senate, and that the reply of Senator Reed ought to go in the record. It was finally ruled that the statement of Senator Reed should stand as uttered.

Many other points in Becker's direct testimony were touched upon by Senator Reed. He brought out the fact that the name of Carl V. Van And, editor of the New York Times, among others, had been purposely omitted from the published lists of guests at the Sherry dinner given by Bolo Pasha. Becker's explanation in effect was that he did not want to scandalize other guests in the same party.

Didn't Hesitate on Hearst. Senator Reed pointed out that the witness did not hesitate to scandalize Mr. Hearst, or involve the latter in unpleasant and discreditable implications. Becker thereupon made the confession that he was suspicious of anything done by Mr. Hearst, and appeared before the committee as a witness to testify concerning Mr. Hearst in that state of mind, he said that he was acting upon the maxim, "let him save himself if he can."

There are several other matters testified to by Becker upon his direct examination concerning which Senator Reed desires to examine the witness. The day's proceedings were adjourned subject to the call of Chairman Overman, and Becker was directed by the committee to hold himself in readiness to return to Washington upon notification. It was announced definitely that the sessions of the committee will not be resumed until after the holidays.

Resume Long Flight. WACO, Tex., Dec. 22.—Capt. L. I. Robinson and Lieut. A. A. Adams, who left Ellington Field, Houston, on an airplane trip to Detroit, Mich., arrived here yesterday. They covered the 185 miles in 105 minutes. The flight was resumed.

Claims Secrecy Privilege. Senator Reed next tried to ascertain the identity of the secret agents and detectives whom Becker had utilized first in getting in touch with the group of employees and servants who were finally assembled in New York during the last week of the campaign. Again the witness claimed the privilege of secrecy under the New

York statutes, and the committee did not press him for the names of those who were the employees of the apartment house had enlisted in the army, and that Becker, in his official capacity, called upon the military intelligence division to locate them and detail them to the deputy attorney general's office for the purpose of making the affidavits, which were immediately issued to the press from Attorney General Lewis' political headquarters.

In the case of one of the soldier witnesses Becker acknowledged that he paid his expenses, although it appears from the record that the witness had been detailed by the War Department on official duty.

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RUSSIAN BARON SHIPYARD WORKER

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Rear Admiral Baron Othon de Richter, two years ago commander of a Russian naval squadron, defending the approach to Kronstadt and Petrograd, a friend of Prince Lvoff, Russia's first revolutionary premier, and Boris Bakmeteff, Russian ambassador at Washington, is working today as a rigger at the yard of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation in Camden.

The advent of Lenin and Trotsky and their subsequent red reign of terror as in the cases of innumerable other well-to-do Russians, brought economic ruin to Baron de Richter. As a result he is working hard at the yard to earn a living for himself and the baroness. His fellow-workers, with the exception of Andrew Calberg, captain of the yard, with whom he was associated twenty years ago, when as a naval officer he was at Cramps, supervising the ordnance to

be installed on two warships in course of construction for the Russian government, are ignorant of his rank.

Meets Prince Lvoff Here. A week ago Saturday the baron went to Washington and met Prince Lvoff, who recently had a conference with President Wilson regarding the future of Russia. When told by Baron de Richter about his work the prince laughingly remarked, "Now you have done it, go ahead."

Talking of Russia yesterday the baron said the country was split into two factions, the Mensheviks, or those asking for moderate reforms, and the Bolsheviks, or extremists, disregarding all laws both human and divine.

"Next spring," he said, "the allies must send a good, strong army into Russia to occupy Petrograd and Moscow and to police the country. By establishing a responsible government in these sections and in old Russia in general, the whole empire will become settled once and for all, and there will be an end to these futile efforts of local governments in Omsk, Archangel, Harbin, and Vladivostok, thousands of miles from the heart of the country."

Although less than fifty years of age, Baron de Richter says he has spent thirty years in the naval service

and the battleship *Retvizan* for the Russian government. Baron de Richter, then a senior lieutenant, checked up on the armament and guns for the *Retvizan*.

Present Base Once Shipmate. At that time Captain Calberg, now Baron de Richter's "boss," was assistant yard captain at the Cramps, and in his own words he became "shipmate" of the Russian naval officer when the *Retvizan* made its sea trials. Of 6,500 tons burden and carrying thirty guns, the vessel made speed and endurance trials off the Delaware capes, during which the American shipbuilder and Russian officer were thrown much together. When the *Retvizan* departed for Kronstadt, Russia's principal naval port, Baron de Richter left on her.

The baron served in the Russian naval campaign in the Baltic, and in 1915 was commander of the battleship *Slava*, afterward sunk in the engagement with the German fleet in the Gulf of Riga. In 1916 he was promoted to the rank of rear admiral and was given command of a squadron of four cruisers, ten destroyers and a number of gunboats, with which he patrolled the Gulf of Finland and between Åbo, Sweden, the Åland Islands

and north to Tornen, almost within the Arctic Circle.

In the summer of 1917 Prince Lvoff sent him to this country on a special naval mission, and he saw the arrival in Petrograd of the *Retvizan* just before he started on June 25.

DANISH FETE FOR PRESIDENT. Diplomatic advice from Copenhagen yesterday described a great demonstration last week among the Danes in thanksgiving for President Wilson's declaration for the freeing of Holstein-Schleswig from German rule.

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